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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
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 - ☒ Box No. I Basis of the report
 - ☐ Box No. II Priority
 - ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
 - ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
 - ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
 - ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
 - ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☒ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☒ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on ~~replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report~~:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* 1-8, 11 received by this Authority on 09/08/2005
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-6	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present invention relates to an ointment formulation for hemorrhoids prepared from the power of swellfish roe and a starfish.

The following documents have been considered for the purpose of this report:

D1 = KR 2002-64807 A1 (10. 08. 2002)

D2 = KR 2003-24512 A1 (26. 03. 2003)

D3 = KR 2001-16541 A1 (05. 03. 2001)

D1 discloses a process of preparing a therapeutic agent for hemorrhoids by heating the roe of a swellfish at a specified temperature and then mixing sodium chloride.

D2 discloses a vaginal suppository containing a mixture of treated starfish (asterina pectinifera).

D3 discloses an urethral detergent and a medicine for cystitis, prostatitis, and urethritis using starfish salt.

1. Novelty

None of the documents D1-D3 discloses the ointment for hemorrhoids comprising the power of the roe of a swellfish and a starfish.

Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1-6 is considered to be novel under PCT Article 33(2).

2. Inventive Step

However, there is no mention to confirm that the addition of a starfish and an additive such as banana and a charonia sauliae into the ointment formulation has a surprisingly changed effect on the treatment for hemorrhoids compared to the present invention. Further, the use of a starfish as an pharmaceutical agent is a simple change in materials which can be selected by a person skilled in the art, as shown in D2 and D3, and there is no remarkable difficulty in that. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1-6 is considered to lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

3. Industrial Applicability

The subject matter of claims 1-6 appears to meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(4).